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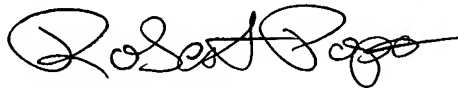
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendments to the specification made herein were made under Article 34 during the International Preliminary Examination of the subject PCT application. A copy of the English-language translation of the Amendment Under Article 34 is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

This Preliminary Amendment also includes the claims as amended under PCT Article 19 by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). A copy of the English-language translation of the Amendment Under Article 19 is also enclosed herewith.

Original claims 3-5 have been amended to produce new amended claims that are not multiply dependent in order to reduce official fees. New subclaims 6-10 have been added to provide similar coverage. Once examination on the merits has begun, the Applicant may elect to amend newly amended claims 3-5 to make these claims multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims. These amendments have not, in any way, narrowed the scope of those claims. Amendment of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: English-language translation of Article 34 Amendment
English-language translation of Article 19 Amendment